be pleased to state:

(a) Whether a proposal for construction of a foot bridge for pedestrians over the D.V.C. Navigation Canal at Pandua, Hooghly District in West Bengal is pending with the Central Government;

(b) Whether sanction has been accorded for the construction of the bridge; and

(c) If so, by when the same is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Relief Given To Bhopal Gas Victims

2961 SHRI MURALIDHAR CH ANDRAKANT BHANDARE :
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the editorial of the 'Hindustan Times' of the 4th July, 1990 captioned "Bhopal Gas Victims Woes", the Madhya Pradesh Government owes an explanation to the people and the Central Government's for the delay in handing over the assured minimum sum to the Bhopal gas victims;

(b) what is Central Government's reaction thereto ; and

(c) what are the details of interim relief given to the affected people so far month-wise since the induction of the new Government in the State?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir. Government has seen the editorial of the Hindustan Times of the 4th July, 1990 captioned "Bhopal Gas Victims Woes".

(b) and (c) The process of disbursement of interim relief of Rs. 200/- per month per person in the 36 severely affected municipal wards of Bhopal, as per the scheme of the Central Government, is in progress. As on 23-8-1990, 1,79,167 Bank Accounts in favour of beneficiaries of this scheme have been opened. Upto July, 1990 an amount of Rs. 637.57 lakhs has been disbursed under this scheme. The State Government is taking all possible steps to exepedite the disbursement.

Setting Up of Geo - Thermal Unit During Eight Plan Period

2962. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) Whether there is any proposal with Government for setting up of new thermal power project and expansion of the existing ones ;

(b) If so, What are the details thereof;

(c) whether in view of recurring shortage of petroleum and foreign exchange Government would enhance utilisation of coal;

(d) whether there are proposal for establishing Geo - thermal units during the Eighth plan period;

(e) If so, what are the details thereof including the amounts involved and expected energy generation; and

(f) What are the reasons for ignoring the potential of Geo-thermal energy in the Country so far?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Eighth Five Year Plan has not been finalised. The details of the thermal power projects to be set up would be known only after Enghth Plan has been finalised by the Planning Commission. However, based on a capacity addition of 38,369 MW recommended by the Working Group on Power, thermal capacity would be about 30,230 MW.

(d) to (f) Possibilities of using the geo-thermal potential for power generation have been explored. Based on the recommendations of the Hot Spring Committee set up by the Government in 1966, geo-thermal investigations have been carried out in the States of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh.

As a result of such investigations an experimental binary cycle pilot Geothermal power plant of 5 KW capacity has been installed and tested at Manikaran in Himachal Pradesh and is expected to be commissioned during the Eighth plan period. Its costs is estimated to be Rs. 17.66 lakhs. A scheme for setting up a 1000 KW pilot plant in the Puga geothermal area in the Ladakh district of Jammu & Kashmir durfing the Eighth Plan has also been ormulated at an estimated cost of Rs. 69 lakhs, from which energy generation is expected to be of the orderly of 70 lakh units in a year. A projet for assessment of geothermal potential of a deeper reservoir in the Puga valley at a cost of Rs. 329.5 lskhs has also been taken up for execution.

मेसर्स स्कूटर इण्डिया लिमिटेड, लखनऊ की उत्पादन क्षमता

2963. **श्री राम नरेश यादव** : क्या **उद्योग** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) स्कूटर इण्डिया लिमिटेड की उत्पादन क्षमता कितनी है और इस समय इसका कितने प्रतिशत उपयोग किया जा रहा है ;

(ख) क्षमता का पूरा उपयोग न किए जाने के क्या कारण हैं ;

(ग) क्या सरकार इसके कर्मचारियों द्वारा लगातार मांग किए जाने पर कंपनी में सुधार करने पर विचार कर रही है ;

(घ) इस कंपनी में कितने कर्मचारी कार्यरत हैं और क्या सरकार इस कंपनी को निजी क्षेत्र को देने पर अब भी विचार कर रही है ; यदि हां तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ;

(ङ) इस कम्पनी में अगस्त 1990 तक कितना घाटा हुआ है और उसमें किए गए निवेश का ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(च) क्या सरकार ने घाटा होने के कारणों का पता लगाने के लिए कोई विशेषज्ञ समिति गठित की है यदि हां तो उसकी सिफ़ारिशें क्या हैं और सरकार द्वारा उन पर क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री अजीत सिंह) : (क) से (च) एक विवरण संलग्न है।

विवरण

वर्ष 1989-90 के दौरान स्कूटर्स इण्डिया लिमिटेड की क्षमता और उसके उपयोग का प्रतिशत निम्न प्रकार से था :—

विवरण	वार्षिक क्षमता	उपयोग का प्रतिशत
तिपहिए	2,500	57.40%
दुपहिए	60,000	0.46%